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TODAY'S WEATHER: Moderate or fresh ENE winds; cloudy,
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**JEWS STILL
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**Arabs Bringing Up
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Jerusalem, Apr. 4.—Jewish forces tonight still held Mount Kastel, the first "enemy territory" to be occupied by a fighting unit in Palestine's civil war although strong Arab reinforcements were gathering for an attempt to dislodge them.

The fortress' mountain top five miles Northwest of Jerusalem was taken before daylight Saturday by Jews who blasted through heavy opposition.

In the Montefiore quarter Jews killed an Arab and a donkey suspected of carrying packs of explosives into the Ghetto's quarter. The Army said the donkey was carrying TNT.

MORTARS IN ACTION

The Army fired 600 shells into the Montefiore quarter to silence Jewish guns which were levelled on the Arab-held Jaffa gate to the old city for an hour after the donkey incident.

Both Jew and Arab mortars were busy during the day. Casualties were not reported.

Throughout the Holy Land the deaths included one Jew and three Arabs, raising the post partition toll to 2,307.

There was also considerable fighting in the old city walls. A British Army officer was wounded seriously when he stepped on a mine in the American quarter.

Bullets whined across the ancient Moslem Cemetery in the heart of the Holy Land for two hours as Arab and Jew snipers fired from their respective parts of the city.—Associated Press.

ASSEMBLY MEETING

Luke Success, Apr. 4.—An American spokesman said today that the United States delegation hopes for a short United Nations Assembly meeting on Palestine beginning on April 21.

He said the session, which will be the second extraordinary Assembly in UN history should not extend longer than two weeks.

The United States delegates and State Department officials are working on details of the trusteeship plan for Palestine which the chief delegate, Mr. Warren Austin will present.—Associated Press.

Soviets Back Down In Germany READY TO TALK WITH THE WESTERN POWERS

Berlin, Apr. 4.—Russia today offered to meet representatives of the Western powers on the deadlock over travel between Berlin and the Western Zones resulting from the four-day old Soviet restrictions on traffic.

Lieutenant-General Mihail Dratvin, the Soviet Deputy Military Governor, told the Americans he was prepared to clarify with their Chief of Staff, "certain details in the regulations concerning the movements of strictly military freight and personnel for the purpose of removing the difficulties."

He added: "I cannot see any possibility of changing regulations affecting the traffic of freight and personnel through the Soviet Zone."

Brigadier-General C. K. Galley, the American Chief of Staff, replying to General Dratvin's letter making the offer, said he would be glad to have discussions, but declared: "Discussions predicated upon our acceptance of your entry into our military trains could lead to no results."

The United States air bridge operation—under which some 75 planes have flown supplies into Berlin since American and British trains in and out of the capital were suspended four days ago—has, it was learned tonight, been suspended.

The Frankfurt headquarters of the American Air Forces in Europe, announced tonight that the suspension of special air shipments to Berlin "now that freight trains have been able to get through successfully."

Passengers will continue to travel to Berlin by train in the absence of an agreement on passenger trains.

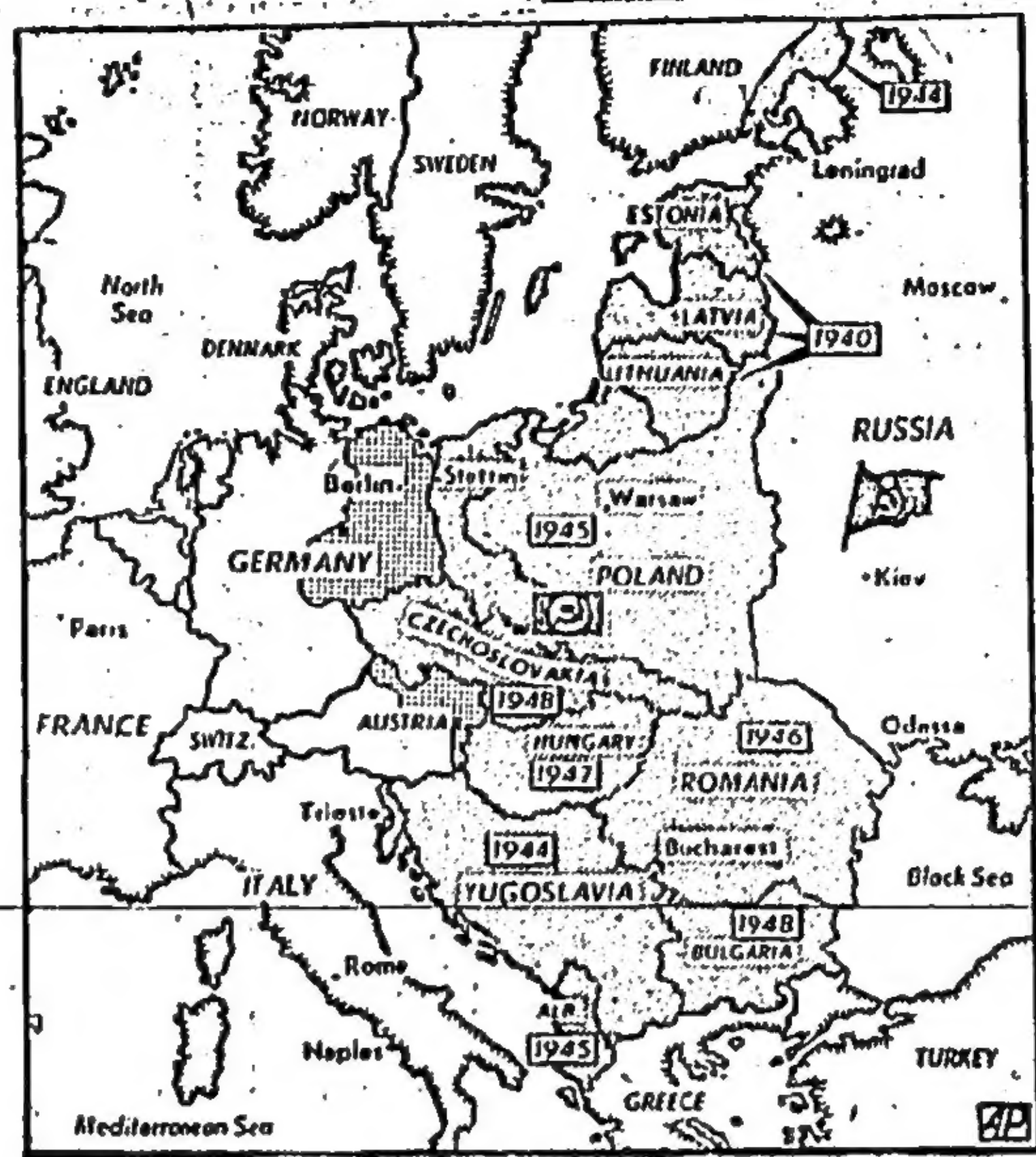
MONTY'S MEETING

The Soviet offer of a meeting on the traffic regulations came as Field Marshal Viscount Montgomery was reported to be meeting the Soviet Commander-in-Chief, Marshal Vasil Sokolovsky, on Tuesday.

Marshal Sokolovsky tonight accepted an invitation from General Sir Brian Robertson, the British Military Governor, to dine with General Robertson on Tuesday.

Marshal Sokolovsky will be accompanied by Lieutenant-General Dratvin, his deputy. A spokesman of General Robertson's office said earlier tonight that if Marshal Sokolovsky accepted the invitation, Field Marshal Viscount Montgomery would come to Berlin for the dinner.

Russia Moves Westward



Shaded area is that dominated in Europe by Russia's westward expansion since the start of World War II. Dotted areas are the Soviet zones of influence in Germany and Austria (which Russia now wishes to extend), countries held jointly by the Big Four. All borders are those which existed at the start of the war.—AP Wirephoto.

Chiang's Poser For Kuomintang

PRESIDENCY PROBLEM STILL UNRESOLVED BY C.E.C.

Nanking, April 5.—In spite of President Chiang Kai-shek's refusal to run for the Presidency, all members of the Kuomintang Central Executive Committee remain convinced that the Party could name no other Presidential candidate over and above him.

With the issue still unresolved towards the end of the Kuomintang session yesterday, the Executive Committee decided to hold another conference on Tuesday. The nomination of a Presidential candidate, while the Vice-Presidential aspirants will be allowed to stand as they are.

At yesterday's session, President Chiang also sounded a warning that unless a supreme effort is made within the next two years "all will be lost" to the Kuomintang.

Dr. Wang Shih-chieh, Foreign Minister, led the speakers at yesterday's meeting in advocating Party nomination of a Presidential and Vice-Presidential candidates on the ground that while two minority parties were not participating in the Presidential race, the Kuomintang should limit candidates to only those with the highest qualifications.

PRELIMINARY CONTEST

He also suggested, on the same basis of reasoning, that a preliminary contest should be held within the Kuomintang before the Party announced its candidates.

Those favouring free elections, headed by Mr. Kan Nai-kwang, Secretary-General of the Executive Yuan, said that the limited time now available did not permit the Party to complete the process of nomination.

What You Will Find On The Inside Pages

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Page 5.—Local news, including a special report of yesterday's International Charity Cup final.

Page 7.—Features, including the first of a new series of horoscopes, and two columns of valuable financial and general information for business-men.

Milton Reynolds' Melodramatic Escape Story

Tokyo, Apr. 5.—Milton Reynolds arrived here last night on an unauthorised flight from Shanghai, saying he made a melodramatic escape by flinging gifts of ballpoint pens at gun brandishing Chinese guards.

The Chicago millionaire declared he fled to escape a "financial shakedown" and that his unlucky quest for the world's highest mountain already had cost him US\$250,000.

Reynolds reported he got into his impounded exploration plane with his crew of three by promising the Chinese guards some of the pens which made him a fortune. "They eagerly followed me. I got in and threw out the pens—50 of them—and slammed the door," he said.

Then pilot Bill Odom gunned the engines. As armed guards came running, he turned on one wheel and roared off the runway, downwind. Guards scattered.

"I saw one guard with a tommy-gun who was so surprised his gun was falling off," remarked Odom. "I guess he forgot to shoot."

Reynolds said they pretended to steer for Oldenawa, then headed for Tokyo.

"We heard the Shanghai airport alerting a fighter squadron," he declared, "so for the first 350 miles we stayed about 20 feet above the ground and water."

Thus ended the controversial and fruitless hunt for a mountain in Western China suspected of being higher than Mount Everest.

CHINESE INDIGNANT

According to Shanghai dispatches, Reynolds left Shanghai without permission of either the Chinese Civil Aeronautics Administration, or the field control tower.

At Nanking, American officials and Chinese scientists joined in indignant criticisms of Reynolds as the man who left a trail of broken promises in China.

A T. S. director of the Academic Sinica denounced Reynolds for failing to keep his word to remain in China until the dispute over the abandoning of the mountain hunting expedition was clarified.

American Embassy officials, who witnessed Reynolds' promises to stay, said a full report would be made to Washington and Tokyo. They added that any formal action against Reynolds for the unauthorised departure from Shanghai must be started by the Chinese government.

Shi's scientists were left stranded by Reynolds' cancellation of flights to search for the world's highest mountain.

It was learned that Reynolds left his passport with Chinese officials at the Shanghai airport. American officials intimated that it will be a long time before he gets another.—Associated Press.

PURSUIT DENIED

Shanghai, Apr. 5.—Officials of the Chinese Civil Aeronautical Administration today emphatically denied that Chinese Air Force planes pursued Milton Reynolds' "Explorer," when the C-87 made a "sneak takeoff" without going through any required procedure.

The officials said it was "possible" that one of the guards fired a "warning shot" when the plane took off with a tailwind in the "middle of the runway."

CAA officials said a full report is being submitted to Nanking where the higher authorities will decide what action to be taken.

The United States Army Air Force headquarters at Kiangwan refused to comment on a Tokyo report that

FREAK WEATHER

London, Apr. 4.—Britain was still in the grip of "freak weather" today, with gales around the coast, snow in the Midlands, and heavy rain in the South.

There were wind gusts of between 45 and 60 miles per hour in the English Channel and along the East coast.—Reuter.

Two Major China Civil War Battles Imminent

Shanghai, Apr. 5.—Prospects of two major battles on separate fronts of the civil war grew today.

In the Tating area of the Inner Mongolian theatre, the government units pushed down from north Chahar in an effort to break the semi-siege which the Reds clamped on Tating. Reports said that the Nationalist defenders and the Reds have already clashed at Kushan, 13 miles north of Tating, and a major battle is expected to break out at any moment.

The other major engagement was reported to be shaping up in Weihien, about 80 miles west of Taining, headquarters of the US Naval Forces in the West Pacific. However, there was absolutely no indication that the Reds were even approaching Taining or that their activities were even a remote threat.

In the Tating area, ground and air forces sought to knock out the Reds before they could redeploy scattered forces for an attack on the city, but dispatches from there indicated that the Reds were able to throw a large force together. The Reds under Gen. Nieh Yung-chien, which crossed the Sangkan river, were reported to have been able to throw a large force open although surrounded on three sides by government units.

The United Press dispatch from Taining said that an estimated 40,000 Reds were thrown into a battle in the Weihien region in an attempt to close the Kiaochow "Tunnel." It said the Communist 2nd, 7th, 8th, 13th, New 5th and New 8th columns plus local recruits were at present advancing on Weihien and Changyue.

Wang Yao-wu, Governor of Shantung, flew to Weihien on Sunday and returned to Taining in the evening after hurried conferences with local military leaders.

The dispatch said that a large scale battle is imminent.—United Press.

EDITORIAL

The Crisis In Berlin

THE events in Germany, and particularly in Berlin, cannot be regarded with equanimity. A nervous feeling is growing that the impudent behaviour of the Soviets may provoke the one incident sufficient to bring the Western nations and Russia to a shooting showdown. In a further demonstration of the "war of nerves" technique the Russians are showing they have nothing to learn from the late Nazi gangsters. The "war," however, is this time being waged against countries who have learnt the futility of appeasement, and who are themselves quite capable of being politically and psychologically "tough." It is this knowledge that will probably influence Russia not to attempt to go beyond certain limits. Nevertheless, the complete breakdown of the four-power allied control and the Kommandatura, together with the unauthorised Soviet troop movements on the borders of the American zone of occupation and the closing of the Berlin east and west frontiers are dangerous developments. The deputy British Military Governor, Major-General Nevill Brownjohn, gave news-people an assessment of the situation which appears to be fair and realistic when he declared "We are not on the verge of a pitched battle. The Russian action is calculated to make our position untenable, but we do not intend to be bullied. One very satisfactory feature is the co-

ordination between the United States, Britain and France. There appears to be complete agreement on policy and methods of carrying it out. This solidarity of thought and action must have a salutary effect on the Russians and can be considered another reason why Moscow will hesitate to indulge in too flamboyant a bluff. The immediate Soviet aim would appear to be to either persuade or force the Allies out of Berlin—an ambitious project which cannot succeed if the Western Powers remain firm. That the Anglo-American control zones should remain is important more from the psychological viewpoint. To concede to Soviet pressure over such an issue would create a serious impression with neighbouring European countries, and would undermine the morale and will of those who are working and fighting for democracy in their own countries. The outcome of the latest developments in Berlin is likely to be the final severance of Big Four co-operation with Germany irretrievably divided. This would undoubtedly compromise Austria who may find herself faced with the same pressure from Moscow as Czechoslovakia and Finland. The future is foreboding, but while the solidarity of the Western Powers holds good, is anything but hopeless.

General Dratvin's letter was in reply to the American protest of March 31, in which General Galley had said "the agreement under which we entered Berlin daily clearly provided for our free and unrestricted utilisation of the established corridor."

"This right of way was a condition precedent to our entry into Berlin and our simultaneous evacuation of Saxony and Thuringia," General Galley had said.

POLICE KIDNAPPED

Two German policemen patrolling the British side of the frontier between the British and Soviet Zones were "kidnapped" by Russians on Saturday, the chief of police at Luebeck stated today.

The policemen were arrested on British-occupied territory, the chief of police said.

In Berlin today, a cordon of American military police around the Russian-controlled German railway headquarters in the American sector was lifted after being maintained for 32 hours.

The cordon was placed round the building on direct orders of General Clay, the American Military Governor, after Soviet sentries had been posted in the building for fear, so the Russians said, of "a group of criminal Germans" who planned to go there and destroy valuable records.

More American Dakota aircraft had been flying food in to Berlin's Tempelhof Airfield. Twenty-five planes were due to arrive today, 40 having flown in yesterday with food and supplies for Americans in the capital.—Reuter.

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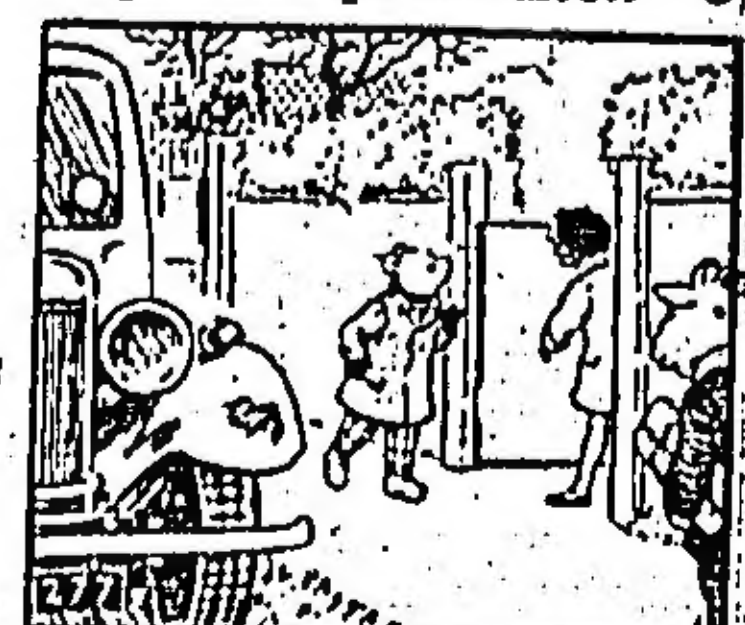
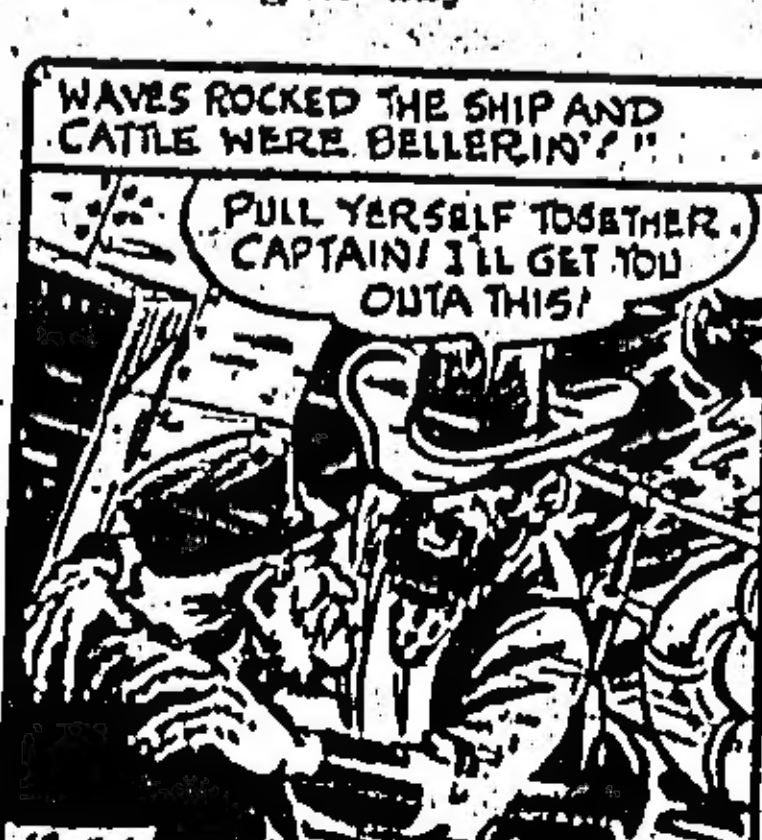
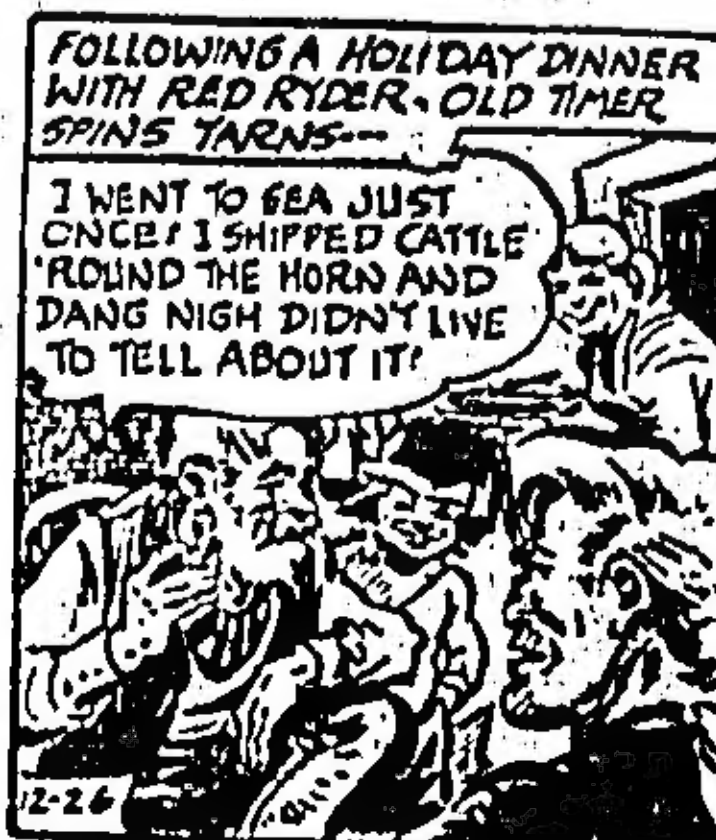
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Rupert helps Dr. Lion—3

By Fred Harman



Bill Badger goes on his way, and Rupert runs into the village, where he soon sees the doctor's car standing outside a house. At the gate looking for his friend Ann Doreen, "I'm looking for Dr. Lion. Is he in there?" she asks. "Yes, he has just come," says the little girl. "He is with my brother Peter, who has a bad cold." "What's another cold?" cries Rupert. "He's another mother, then Bill, and now Peter. What's come over our village?" Just then Billy Goat comes walking along and joins the small party.

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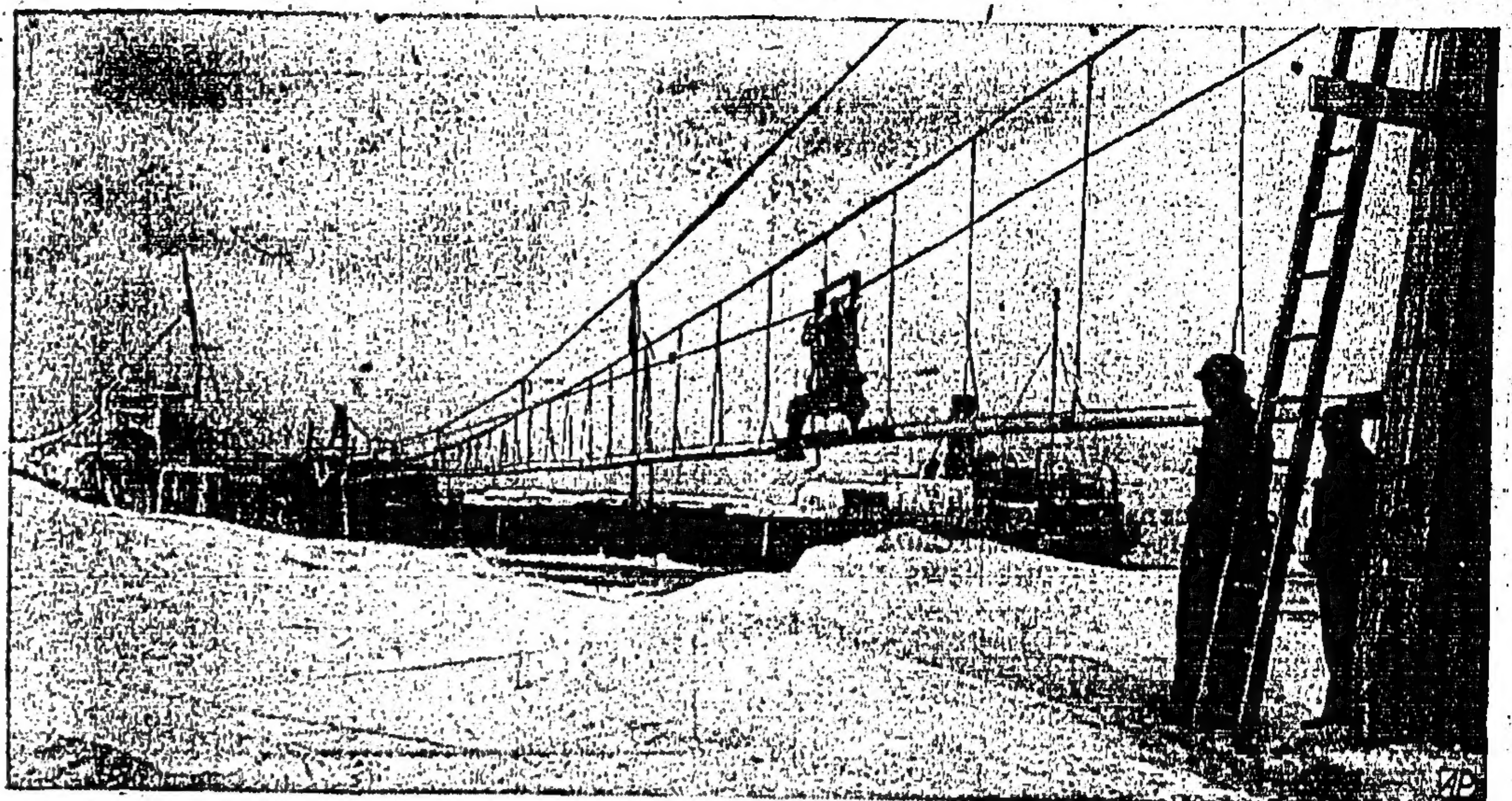
WORLD NEWS IN PICTURES



A FACE OF PAIN—Mrs Cullen B. Morgan tries to comfort her daughter, Charlotte Marilyn, aged 4, whose face reflects her pain. Badly burned when her dress caught fire, the child was flown from Japan, where her father is stationed, to her home in Cincinnati.



TAXPAYER—Georgiehol Elizabeth Muller, only eight months old, plays with her social security card at her home in New Orleans. The young lady poses for advertisements, and must pay taxes on her earnings.



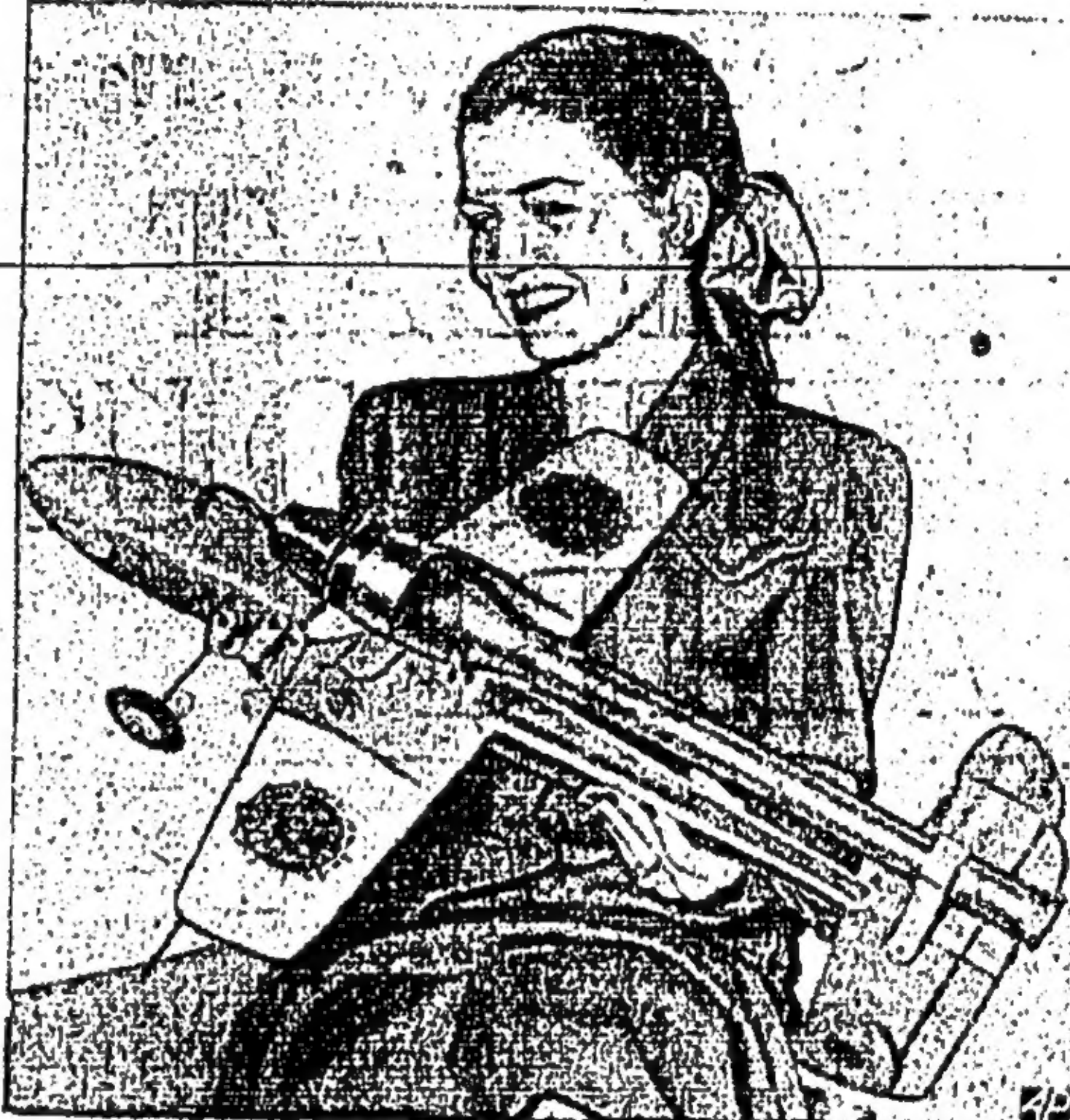
GRAIN SALVAGED FROM SHIP—A salvage crew uses a pipeline to remove 80,000 bushels of grain from the ice-coated Canadian freighter, William C. Warren, which ran aground in Lake Huron. Efforts to free the vessel failed, and the crew flooded the engine room to anchor the ship. A salvage firm bought the cargo.



PUERTO RICAN POWER PLANT—The Caonillas Dam, Puerto Rico's largest hydro-electric and irrigation project, nears completion between the cities of San Juan and Ponce. The US\$10,000,000 plant will provide power for new industries.



TO SPEAK—Lord Rothermere, British newspaper magnate, will be the principal speaker at the annual Associated Press luncheon in New York on April 19.



JET PLANE MODEL—Alice Gannon holds a model plane with pulse jet-type engine made by an Indianapolis inventor for a contest at Chicago. It follows the same principle as German buzz bombs.



FORCED TO ABDICATE—Smiling ex-King Michael of Rumania is surrounded by newsmen in London as he issues his statement that his abdication was forced upon him and he does not consider himself bound by it.



NO, THANK YOU, says the fawn to Dennis McGowan, who is willing to share his ice cream cone. This scene was spotted by a photographer at a sporting show in New York City.



CAIRO MEETING—Hajj Amin el Husseini (right), Mufti of Jerusalem, talks with Mohamed Ali Allouba Pasha, member of the Egyptian delegation to the Arab League Council, after a meeting in Cairo to discuss the Arab position in Palestine.



ARCHBISHOP AMUSED—Bernard Cardinal Griffin, Archbishop of Westminster, prepares to sign a guest book for Madame La Baronne de Benaranda of Franchimont, town councillor, at the Brussels city hall.



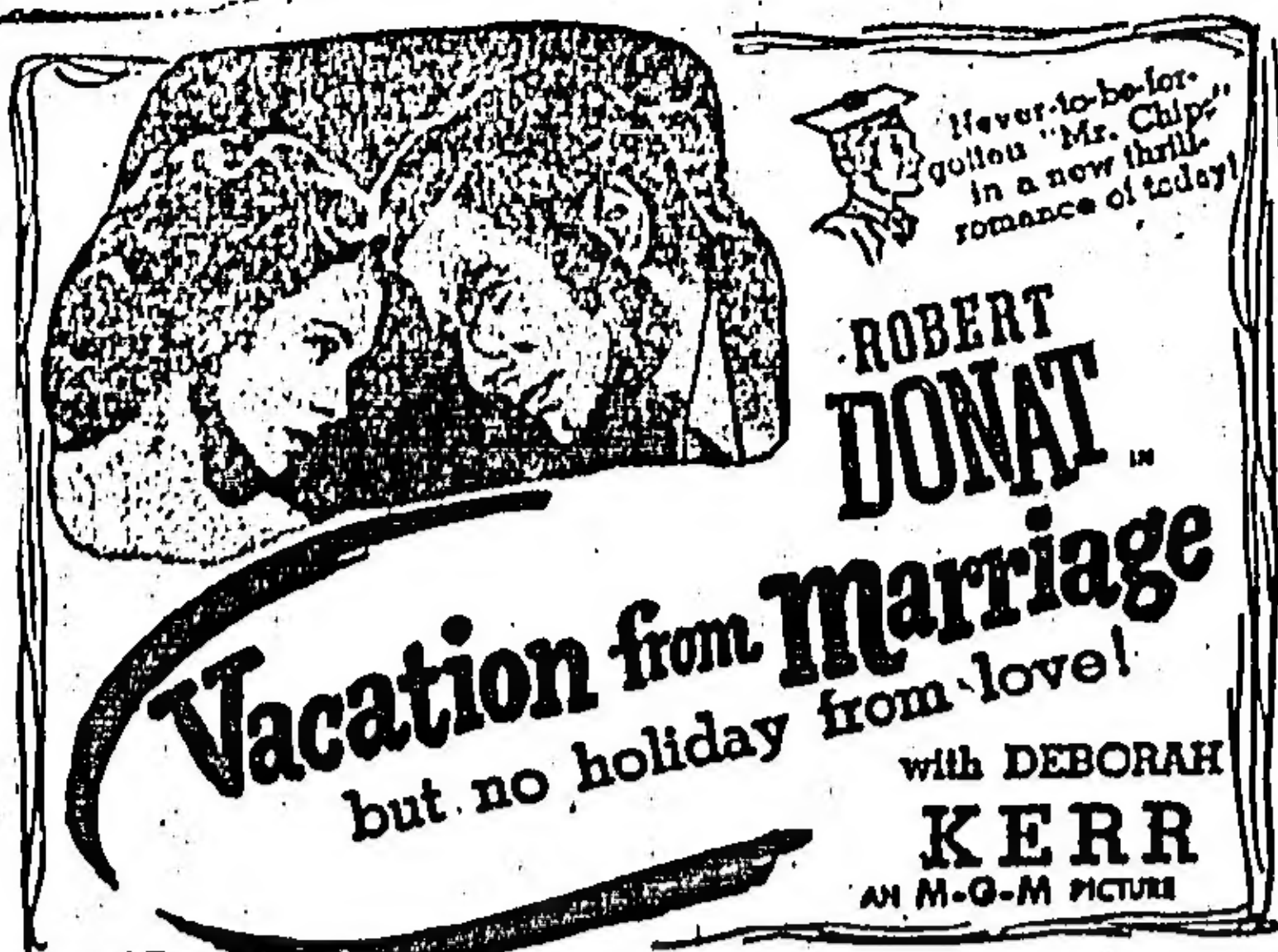
TINY GASOLINE ENGINE—One of the world's smallest gasoline engines is contrasted with a match behind a magnifying glass at a Chicago hobby show. The engine is 3/16th-inch long, weighs 28 grains and turns a two-inch propeller for a minute and a half on one drop of fuel—gasoline and oil mixed.



RESIGNS—The Czech Ambassador to the United States, Juraj Slavik, walks down the Embassy drive after announcing he is sending his formal resignation to the new Communist-led government in Prague.

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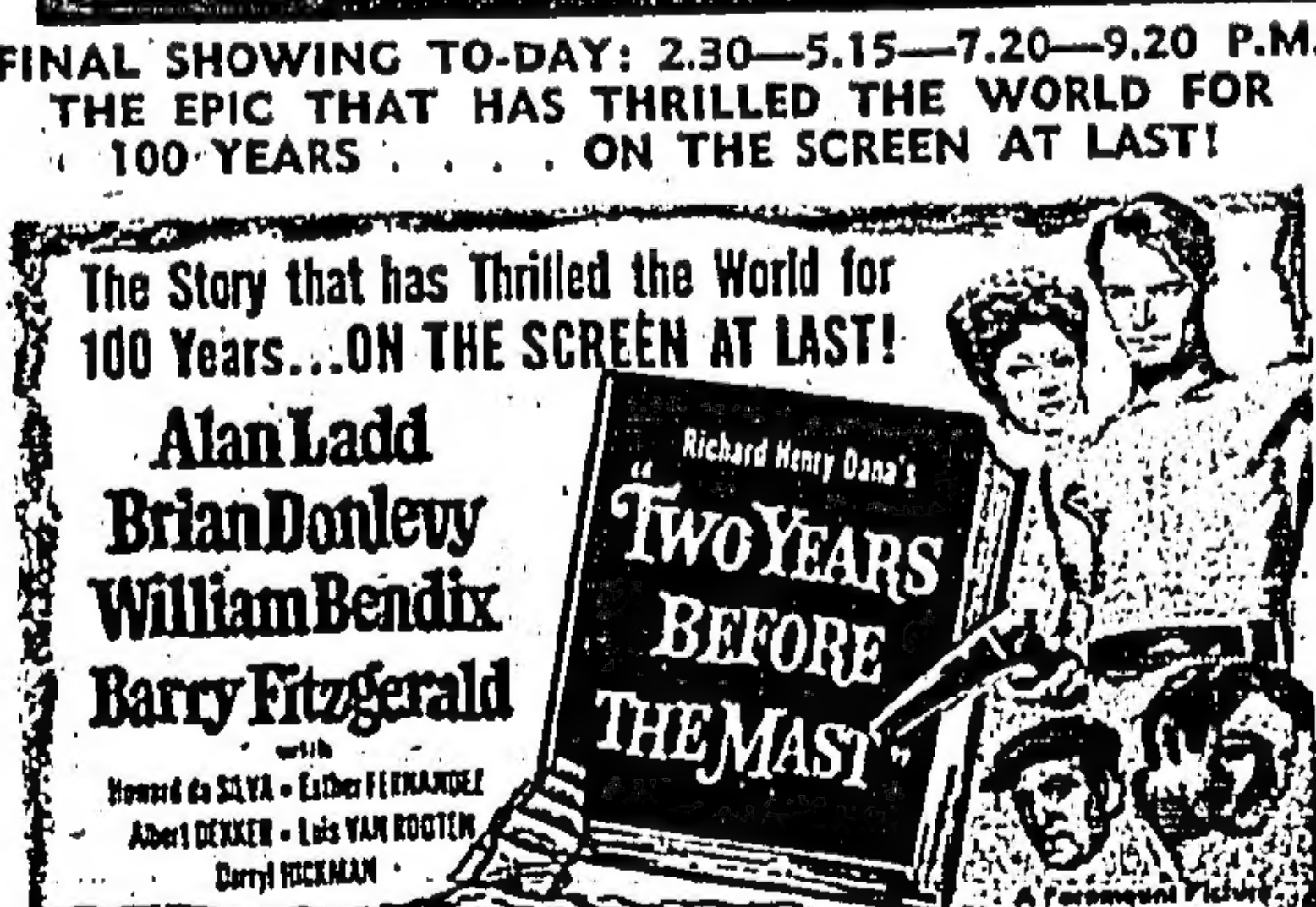


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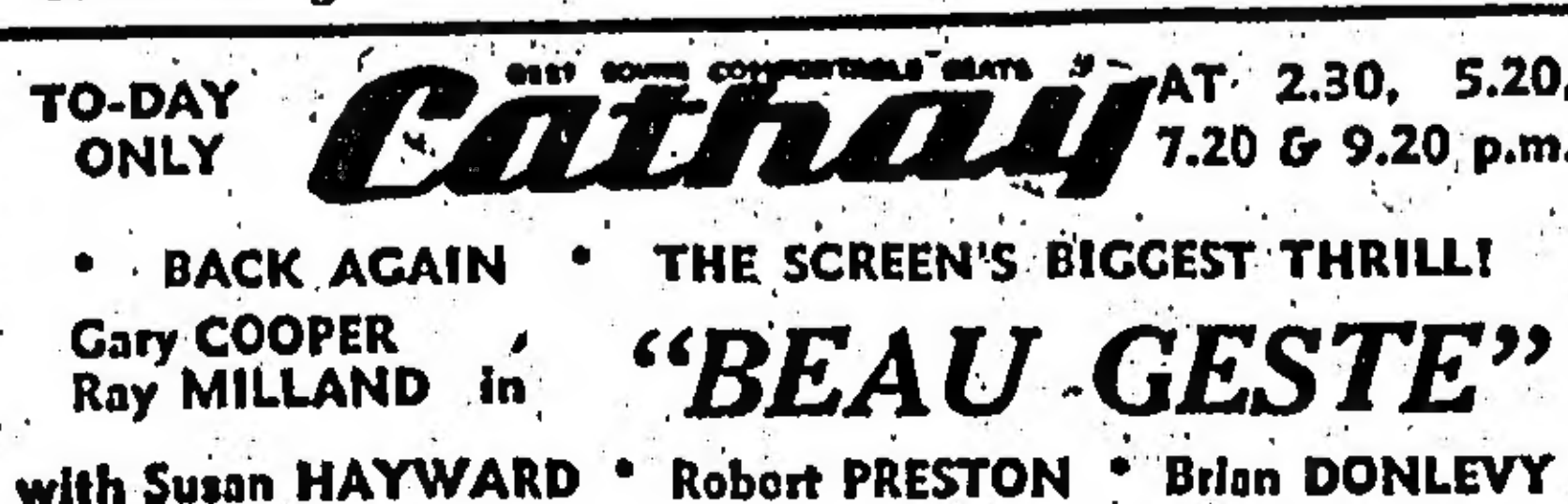
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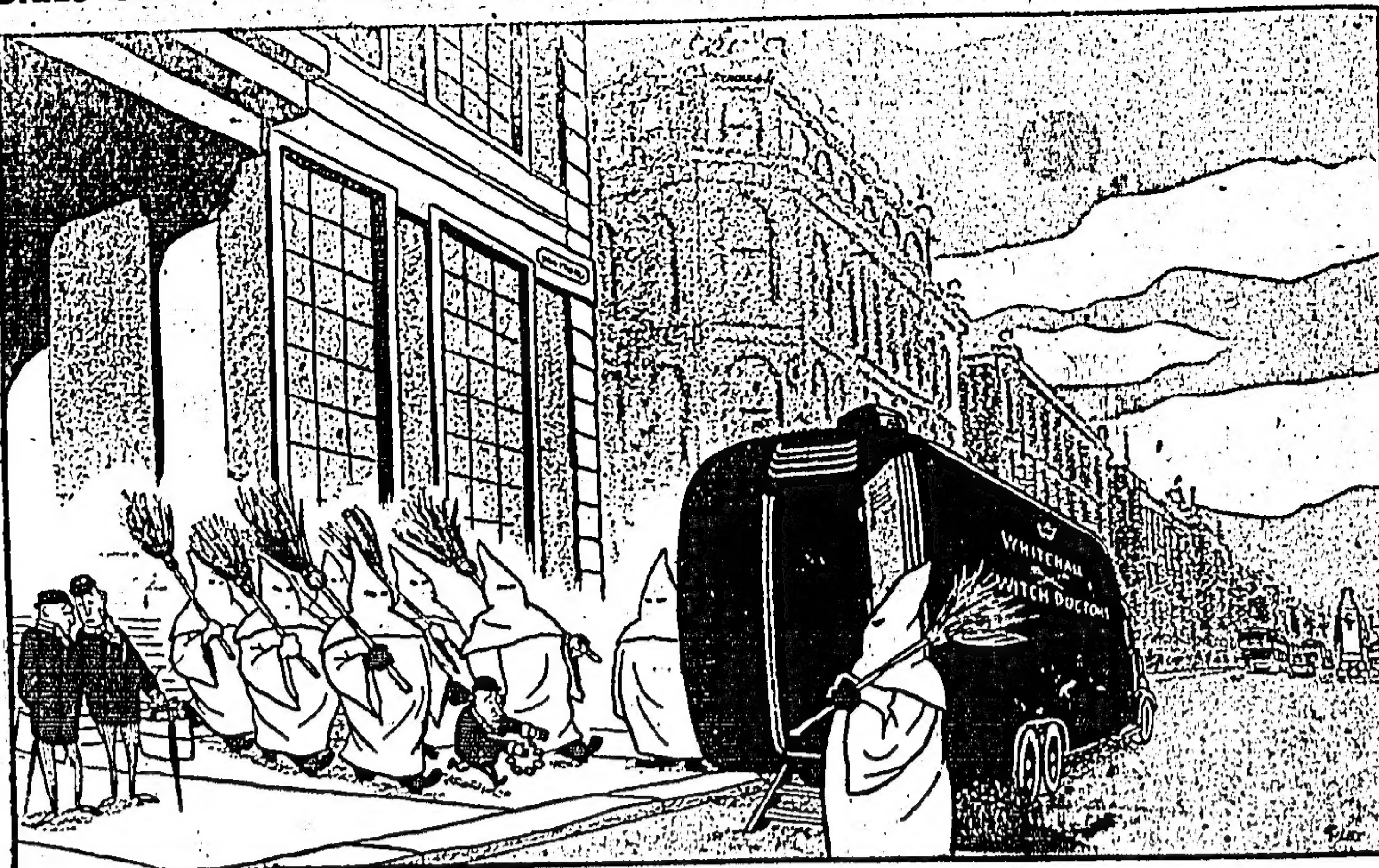


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Sailor On Indecency Charges

Crown's Allegations

Caught in a public latrine in Ico House Street shortly before midnight on February 12, Petty Officer Bertram William Knight, 28, of HMS King Salvor, and Lam Lip, 24, tricycle caddy, appeared on charges of indecency before an all-male jury at the Criminal Sessions this morning.

Knight was arraigned for having committed an indecent offence, indecent assault and gross indecency, while Lam faced three charges of aiding and abetting.

Mr. A. Longdale, Crown Counsel, assisted by Det. Sub-Inspector A. Shaw, is prosecuting, and Knight is being defended by Mr. Brook A. Bernacchi, instructed by Mr. A. S. C. Comber.

Remarking that it was an unpleasant case, Mr. Longdale told Mr. Justice Williams and the jury that a Police constable was walking along Ico House Street in the course of his normal duty about midnight on February 12, when his attention was attracted by a tricycle standing unattended. Considering this rather unusual, he went to look for the owner. Near by was a latrine, and thinking that the owner might be there he went in. Flashing his torch, he saw Lam before a urinal with Knight behind. Both were standing, and there were no shouts or cries.

ARRESTED BY E.U.

The constable told them he was going to arrest them, whereupon Knight turned on him in a threatening manner. The constable then hurried out with the intention of getting help. He met an Emergency Unit patrol near the King's Theatre and returned with it to the latrine where they found Knight and Lam still there and in the same position as when they were first seen. They were arrested and taken to Central Police Station.

Mak Sing-sang, PC822, testified to having found Knight and Lam in the latrine, adding that he did not hear shouts nor see any struggle.

Cross-examined by Mr. Bernacchi, Mak said he did not know if Knight was drunk at the time.

In answer to Lam, who was not legally represented, Mak denied that it was Lam's shouts that first attracted his attention. It was not until they were on their way to the station that Lam told him he was in the latrine only to ask the European for his fare.

Mak further denied that he had threatened Lam into making an accusation against the European.

The case is proceeding.

JUROR FINED

For failing to answer his name when called upon to serve on the jury in the above case, J. M. dos Ramos was fined \$30 by Mr. Justice Williams when he turned up later at the request of the Court's bailiff. Ramos said it was his oversight as he had been very busy.

\$10,000 Fine For Smuggling

A maximum fine of \$10,000 was imposed by Mr. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon Magistracy this morning on a woman, Wong Chih-tai, alias Wong Chi-rit, 48, who was found with 96 false-bottomed trunks.

According to RO Knox, the woman was arrested on Sunday at Kai Tak airport. She arrived by CNAC from Swatow and the address she gave was a depot in Hongkong which had been raided by Revenue officers some time ago when they found opium being prepared.

SECOND SEIZURE

Another seizure made at Kai Tak on Sunday was of a gold nugget belonging to a woman passenger on a BOAC plane from Bangkok.

The woman, Tsang Kim-yung, was charged with illegal import but failed to appear in Court today and had her bail of \$50 retained for RO Knox. Mr. Blair-Kerr said the nugget weighed 1½ ounce and was worth \$470. It was found in the woman's handbag.

DSOBA Annual Meeting

A large number of old boys of the Diocesan School and their guests attended the Annual Dinner of the Association, which was held at the Chinese Club last night. The Club was kindly loaned for the occasion by its Committee.

At the Annual General Meeting preceding the dinner, Mr. B. C. Randall, President, referred to the loss in the death of the Association's Vice-President, Mr. Wal Po-cheung, who had during the year worked so hard in furthering the activities of the Association, including the collection of a donation of \$3,000 for the School. The meeting closed in silence as a mark of respect.

After the Annual Report and Statement of Accounts had been passed, the meeting elected the following officers for the coming year:

President: Mr. Arthur Percy; Vice-President: Mr. C. Y. Kwok; Hon. Secretary: Mr. Arthur E. Perry; Hon. Treasurer: Mr. Wong Ka-tsun.

The following were elected to serve on the General Committee: Messrs B. C. Randall, Cheung U-pat, Douglas Green, Ip Ching-hing, Boris Tsao, James N. Wong, William Howard, Chan Kam-hon, William Shen, George Ford, G. F. D'Aquino and William A. Zimmerman.

PAULA BY DENNIS WHEATLEY

Interesting serial thriller of life in a British film studio starts today. Rita Vane, the temperamental star, becomes annoyed on the studio floor.



Schoolmaster Fined \$120 For Traffic Offence

DRIVING WITHOUT DUE CARE AND ATTENTION

N. F. Tucker, of the Education Department, Windsor House, was fined \$120 by Mr. Thomas Tam at Central this morning for driving without due care and attention at Bonham Road at 1.35 a.m. on February 19. Another summons for driving under the influence of drink so as to be incapable of having proper control of the car, was dismissed, the Court giving defendant the benefit of the "little doubt."

Mr. D. L. Strellett was for the defendant and Mr. G. Binstead, Superintendent of Traffic, Hongkong, was for the prosecution.

Inspector Tsui said he was the Inspector-on-duty at No. 8 Police Station when defendant went to report the accident. After making the report defendant went out and vomited. He was also a little unsteady on his feet. That aroused his suspicions and he sent defendant to the Queen Mary Hospital for a medical examination.

Corroborative evidence was given by PC 1553, and that concluded the case for the prosecution.

Mr. Strellett then asked the Court to adjourn to the scene of the accident as the Court might be misinformed on the evidence.

Mr. Tam said he paid that spot every day, and last night, he paid particular attention when he passed.

DEFENDANT'S EVIDENCE

Defendant said he visited Mr. Reynolds on the evening of February 18. What Mr. Reynolds had said about the amount of drinks he took was correct and he did not consider it abnormal. Being spread over that length of time. When he left, Mr. Reynolds walked with him to his vehicle and he felt perfectly normal. The utility was about 100 yards from the house. He started it without any trouble and negotiated the very sharp bend at Jardine's Corner with no difficulty.

Tucker then traced the route he took from the Peak to the scene of the accident. Among the roads he used was Cause Road, which had an obstruction occupying about half the road. Defendant said it was not a particularly cold night although it was very dark. Throughout the journey he felt perfectly normal. When he reached the Northcote Training College, he went round the bend at about 18 mph. He had a clear view of the road and saw nothing. When he reached the other end of the College, he saw a car coming from the opposite direction with bright headlights. He edged over to the left so as to give the other car a safe margin to pass. Suddenly he saw a taxi looming in front of him. He was unable to avoid it because of the oncoming car. He tried to brake, but the distance was insufficient for him to stop without a collision. He was not staring at the headlights of the oncoming car, and he was quite certain that the taxi had no rear lights on.

RATHER SHAKEN

It was not an unduly large collision but he was rather shaken. He got out of his vehicle and looked at the damage by the light of his own headlights. His bumper was caught. Several of the taxi employees lifted the bumper while he reversed his vehicle for about six inches to a foot. He did not turn out his lights. Then a constable came along and asked for his licence. The constable made a note in his note-book by the light of his headlights. Before the constable had arrived, he had arranged with the driver of the taxi to report the accident immediately. The driver of the taxi got into the back of his van and he reversed. He found his bumper to be grating against his front nearside wheel. That was eased off and he drove forward. He then reversed again.

The taxi driver directed him to the Police Station where he waited for two or three minutes for the Inspector to come down. He then made his report which took about five minutes. He was told that he had to wait for the motor vehicles Inspector to come. He waited for about 15 minutes before the reply came that the Inspector was not available. Then he felt distinctly unwell. He began to sweat and went outside to vomit. He was asked to go to the Queen Mary Hospital for a test and he expressed willingness to submit to the test.

At the hospital, he waited for the doctor and was finally given a urine test by means of a catheter.

He was also given a blood test, but he had a tendency to react to the needle in his arm. He felt like vomiting again. He asked the doctor if he really thought he was drunk.

The doctor replied that he did not show any signs of it but the answer would depend on the report of his tests. Defendant said he vomited when he smoked too much or sometimes when he woke up early in the morning. He had vomited once or twice since the accident.

Mr. Strellett then went into the box and said that on the morning of April 1, he accompanied defendant to the offices of a doctor. After the doctor had asked defendant a few questions, he proceeded to discuss the case with the doctor, ignoring the defendant. To their amazement, they suddenly found defendant retching. He appeared to be in a nervous condition.

After Mr. Strellett had made submissions to the Court, Mr. Tam fined defendant \$120 on one summons and discharged him on the other.

W. Hemisphere Plebiscites Urged

Bogota, Apr. 4. — Senor Romulo Betancourt, the Venezuelan delegate to the Inter-American Conference, suggested here today that plebiscites should be held in all disputed territories in the Western Hemisphere to allow the people to determine their own future.

He said all colonies in the hemisphere should be done away with "in accordance with the spirit of the Atlantic Charter."

Senor Betancourt has received a message from the "conspiratorial directorate" of the European Gullanes asking him to press for their independence. It was learned here today.

PROBABLE REACTIONS

European observers thought the proposal for a plebiscite would not be welcomed by Guatemala. There is little doubt that the population of British Honduras which Guatemala claims would vote overwhelmingly against a transfer of sovereignty.

The recent spontaneous demonstrations there of support for Britain would seem to forecast an overwhelming vote to stay inside the British Empire.

In a speech to the Conference on Tuesday, Senor Betancourt is expected to give Venezuela's full support to the Guatemalan resolution calling for an end of colonies in Latin America. — Reuter.

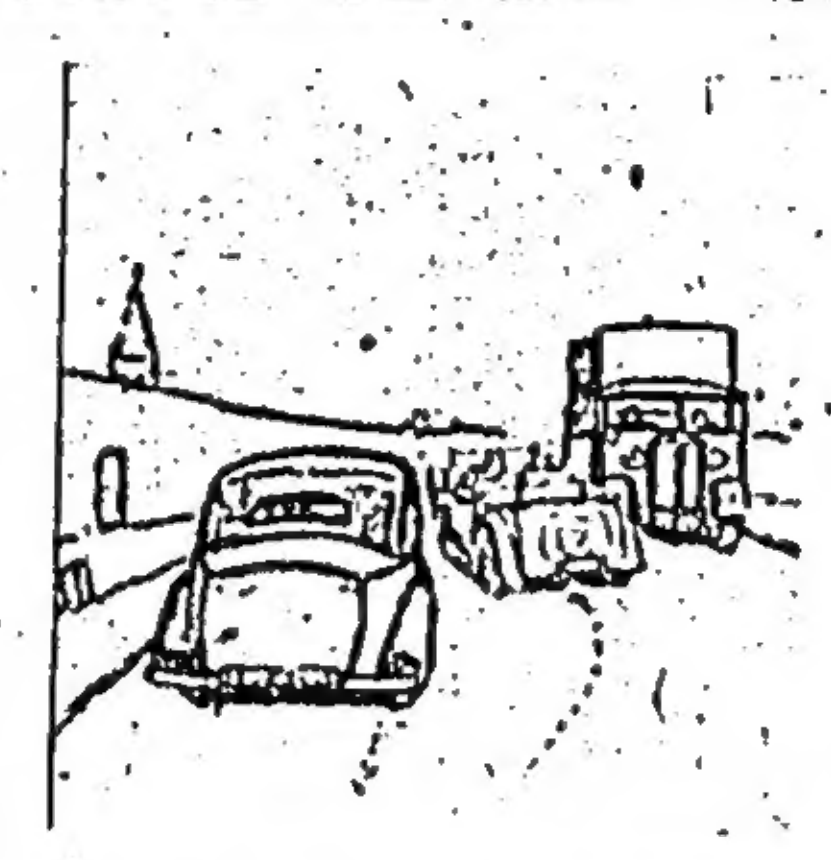
De Gaullist Wins Election Seat

Paris, Apr. 4. — A supporter of General Charles de Gaulle, leader of the French People's Rally, won the seat in the first result announced tonight of today's election for Algeria's first Parliament.

The Gaullists won the fourth ward of Algiers with 4,818 votes, defeating a Communist candidate who had 789 votes, an independent Liberal Republican with 510 and an independent Algerian candidate with 43 votes.

All the results are expected to be known early tomorrow (Monday). — Reuter.

ROAD SENSE . . . (3)



\$100 Fine For Shotgun Accident

Charged with wantonly and negligently discharging a shotgun which wounded three persons, Hui Tim-chung, 18, watchman employed by the China Construction Company, stated at Kowloon yesterday that he was oblivious of the gun going off and must have accidentally touched the trigger.

Sub-Inspector Howarth said Hui discharged his gun at Cha Kwo Ling last Thursday during a Police raid on the gambling dens in the district. Detective B35 and two coolies were injured but not seriously and the Police were satisfied that it was purely an accident.

Imposing a fine of \$100, Mr. Blair-Kerr warned Hui to be more careful of his gun in future.

NT HUNTERS ROBBED

A Portuguese, Jose Maria da Conceicao, and two Chinese companions, who went out hunting yesterday, were held up and robbed by two armed men.

The hunters, carrying a shotgun, were held up in the village of Tai Tsang, Pingshan district.

They were relieved of their gun, together with money and jewellery to the total value of \$621.

There was no violence. Police announced the arrest of a third man in connection with the attempt by Chinese gangsters to kidnap a retired Chinese merchant in the Ping Shan district.

Police last week fought a gun duel with the gangsters, killing one, and rescuing the kidnapped man.

The arrest of a suspect was made during the weekend.

Marine Court Cases

Taking into consideration the fact that the motor junk Kien Ping had not previously been in Hong Kong, the coxswain was cautioned by Mr. Cairns at the Marine Court this morning for being under way in the Harbour without a certificated engineer on board.

Sub-Inspector McCarthy explained that it was the first time the junk had been here, and it had a Chinese licence. The coxswain was not conversant with the regulations.

On a further charge of failing to have navigation lights, the coxswain was fined \$100 or 14 days.

The mistress of a Class IV boat was cautioned for having no navigation lights. She explained that there was a strong wind blowing, and as the glass of the lamp was broken, it was blown out. The lamp was exhibited in court.

The master of a small sampan was fined \$15 or three days for a similar offence. He pleaded that after he had been under way for some time he discovered that he was short of oil for the lamp. Mr. Cairns said that this was no excuse, as he should have made certain before leaving that he had sufficient kerosene.

Big Gold Discovery On Ship

COURT SEQUEL

The discovery by the Revenue Department of a large quantity of gold bars and gold coins on a first-class berth on board the Dutch steamer Van Heutz on December 25 last was recalled before Mr. F. X. d'Almeida at Central this morning when Voon Pak-jut, 39, appeared on two charges of attempting to export \$150,144 worth of gold and importing gold without a licence from the Superintendent of Imports and Exports.

Voon, who is on bail of \$200, was originally charged with exporting the gold, but that count was withdrawn this morning and the charge of attempting to export substituted.

The Hon. Leo d'Almeida, KC, instructed by Mr. M. A. da Silva, appeared for the defence, and pleaded not guilty.

Mr. E. Himsforth, Superintendent of Imports and Exports, who prosecuted, said that about 12 noon on December 25, RO Lapsley and a party of Revenue Officers boarded the Van Heutz and carried out a search just prior to the ship sailing. RO 121 was instructed to search the passengers' cabins. In berths 3 and 4 a white jacket was found and suspected to contain gold, and in fact it did contain gold.

COINS UNDER PILLOW

RO 121 asked three Chinese in the cabin to whom the gold belonged and the defendant, who was one of the three, admitted it was his. Another jacket containing gold was found in a locker, and Voon was asked if he had any more gold. He said "No."

A further search was made and under a pillow another jacket containing gold was found, and under a mattress on another bed a further jacket containing gold was also discovered. There was still another jacket under the same mattress. Six packets of gold coins were also found under a pillow. Voon was again questioned if he had more gold and he again said "No."

SG CRO 165 then searched Voon's person and on him were found five packets containing gold bars. Voon was taken to cabin No. 43 and a further search was carried out but nothing more was discovered. He was returned to berths 3 and 4, and there the other Chinese who had been found with him denied all knowledge of the gold.

Accused was charged, and in a statement he said the gold belonged to him, that he had sold all his property in Swatow and had purchased the gold. He added that he was proceeding to Singapore to do some business and did not know that he was committing an offence.

TICKETS BOUGHT ON SHIP
Evidence was then called by the Prosecution. Chan Chun-hing, Chinese agent for the Van Heutz, said he issued the tickets on the ship and on December 23 two tickets for berths 3 and 4 had been bought by a man. The same person later bought a third ticket for someone called Voon Pak-jut in the second class. The ship left Hongkong at 3 p.m. on December 25.

Cross-examined, Chan said the tickets were bought by Ip To-sang for the Chinese Foo Yuen firm.

Re-examined, Chan declared the Chan Foo Yuen firm dealt in imports and he had learned from a newspaper advertisement that it also dealt with remittances.

Questioned by the Court, Chan agreed that through tickets to Singapore could be purchased in Swatow without the passenger trans-shipment here.

Corroborative evidence of the discovery of the gold bars and coins was given by RO H.S. Lapsley, who said the coins comprised 80 American dollars and a quantity of English sovereigns.

Following testimony by SG CRO 165, Li Sum, and RO J. Redman, to whom the discovery was reported later, the hearing was adjourned to 12 noon on April 29, and will continue at the same time on April 24.

Attempted Suicide?

A young Chinese girl in an unconscious condition was found by the Police on patrol at the No. 7 cemetery, Sai Kung Road, on Sunday. The girl was later taken to the Kowloon Hospital. It is suspected, according to the Chinese Press, that she had attempted to commit suicide.

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Penicillin Found At Kai Tak

Four cases of penicillin worth \$10,000 were alleged to have been brought in at Kai Tak airport on Saturday by Kwok Kam-sang, 28, who was charged before Mr. Blair-Kerr this morning with having unmanifested cargo.

Mr. J. M. d'Almeida Remedios appeared for accused, who was absent, and asked for a week's remand which was granted. Kwok is on bail of \$500.

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CHINESE SURPRISE IN CUP FINAL

Second String Team Outplays Portugal

A Chinese team picked from younger players who were not conceded, on paper, more than an even chance to win surprised Portugal in the International Cup Charity Final at Causeway Bay yesterday to take the game at 8-3. They led 5-1 at half-time.

The Chinese eleven picked from no fewer than seven clubs, surprised by good team work. A defence that cleared accurately kept them the initiative through nearly the whole game and long shots at the goal paid a good dividend.

China's early lead was considerably helped by goals that came as a free kick, a penalty, and a goal handed in by a Portuguese defender in the confusion that followed a corner. Nippy play by China's forward line kept the Portuguese goalkeepers, Mendes, busy through most of the game and he put up a creditable display.

The Portuguese did not lack coordination but had little of the initiative. When in control of the ball their attack was dangerous and Tam Chan-fai at left-back had a hard time of it marking the Portuguese right-wing, M. Xavier, while Gomes, the inside-left, was also difficult to dislodge from the ball.

The Chinese had the wind in their favour in both halves, the change in the blow coming almost exactly on the half-time whistle. The game was played at an unusually fast pace that carried on well into the second half. This was followed by a complete slow-down in the last 20 minutes of the game when the play became scrappy and tempers frayed.

CHINESE POUR IT ON

The Chinese won the toss and opened immediately with a series of raids that saw both Tang Yee-kit, centre-forward, and Lee Tai-fai, outside-left, come near to drawing first blood. The Portuguese defence showed signs of shakiness from the start, but Rocha cleared nicely.

The play veered to the other end of the field but Tam Chan-fai cleared and Tang Yee-kit, who was the star of the forward line though he did not score a single goal, rushed down the field for the first of a number of shots at goal that just missed.

The ball was hardly cleared when the Chinese forwards were on it again and again. Li Tai-fai passed from the wing to Ho Ying-fan during a melee in the goalmouth. The latter netted from close range. First blood was drawn after five minutes play. A minute later Lee Tai-fai had the ball on the wing and dribbled through the defence only to miskick. There followed several minutes with the Chinese attacking from both wings and Mendes, the Portuguese goalie, had a nerve time of it.

The Chinese were playing neatly and both Fung Kwan-sing, left-half, and Chow Man-chi, right half, had moments of wizardry. Another player who shone at this stage was the inside-left, Lau Fook-chuen.

The Chinese were weaker on the right where Ho Ying-fan, the winger, was often out of position, and was well marked by Xavier when he wasn't.

Next to him, Chiu Fu, Kwong Wah's centre-forward, playing inside right, rose to the occasion and put up what could well rank as his best performance to date. Showing good positional judgment, he missed few opportunities and non-plussed the Portuguese defence with fast rushes that kept Mendes guessing.

The next goal, coming in the 11th minute of the game, was preceded by another near-goal as Ho Ying-fan, on the ball for once, swept through the rest of the defence only to have Gosano clear neatly.

CAUGHT NAPPING

The second goal came from a free kick. Chow Man-chi took it and a easy ground shot caught Mendes napping.

Then after a continued and intensive attack that saw the Portuguese defenders clear again and again only to have the Chinese close in on more with every clearance a penalty was awarded against Gosano. Lee Tai-fai took the kick and scored.

This was in the 10th minute of the game. Two minutes later the Chinese were again all over the Portuguese defence. Chiu Fu sent in a long high kick from the wing which Mendes tipped over the bar. From the ensuing corner came China's fourth goal. Mendes mistimed the ball and Gosano's effort to push the situation, mistimed too and pushed the ball into his own goal.

The Portuguese then steadied up and the defence was clearing neatly only to have Hung Hing-yuk, the Chinese pivot, break up every effort they made to take over the initiative. The Portuguese had more of the game in the next few minutes and were twice unlucky as Gomes again slipped in for two more near-misses and Xavier, on the other wing, kept nicely centering.

NEATEST GOAL

With 15 minutes to go before the interval, the two teams were playing an even game when, with the ball

going to the Portuguese end of the field, Chiu Fu suddenly had the ball and caught the whole defence napping with the nearest goal of the game, a cross-shot into the top left-hand corner of the net from 35 yards. The Chinese led 5-0.

With five minutes to go to the interval, the Portuguese had the attack once more and went work by Gussie Pereira who cleared the Chinese defence only to have the goalie kick out paid dividend as Gomes netted on intercepting the clearance.

The pace was still abnormally fast and the Portuguese had settled down. They kept the initiative to the half-time whistle, Xavier again shining on the wing and Gomes missing a near one on a free-kick.

HALF TIME

The first few minutes of the second half saw the Portuguese again on the offensive and Xavier just missed a possible from 25 yards. The ball passed the field and Tang Yee-kit had it only to be intercepted by Mendes who rushed out. There was a melee in front of goal that ended with a corner for the Chinese. Chiu Fu netted nicely from the corner kick.

With 42 minutes to go, the Portuguese were down 6-1. There followed a few minutes with the Chinese attacking. Tang Yee-kit sent in a hot one from 40 yards that just missed by a couple of feet. Playing a fine game all through, he was here, quite apparently, trying to score at least once for himself.

He tried again from about 30 yards, a wild attempt this time, and yet one more from about the same distance that just hit the top of the post. Then the Portuguese were awarded a penalty against Hung Hing-yuk for pushing and Rocha made no mistake. A minute later, Carvalho also netted from a corner to bring the score to its final 8-3.

The Portuguese were down 7-2, but with 33 minutes of play left, were still game. The next 10 minutes of play saw them keep the initiative. Xavier again just missed from 30 yards.

The game began slowing down and was turning scrappy. Lee Tai-fai had the ball after long passing and netted from 10 yards into the right-hand corner. A minute later, Carvalho also netted from a corner to bring the score to its final 8-3.

SCRAPPY PLAY

The last few minutes of the game were scrappier and more so. First Pereira, then Xavier, were badly wounded getting the full weight of the ball on their heads. Lee Tai-fai was sent off the field with nine minutes' play to go.

Play veered from one end of the field to the other and the goalies came into their own, both Tam Kwan-kon and Mendes effecting neat saves.

On the whole, it was a good game and team-work was especially good. The Chinese side, ranged from fair to excellent. The defence, on either side, was hard pressed, at times sound, rarely brilliant.

It was very much a battle of the Chinese half-backs and forwards against the Portuguese forwards. The Chinese half-back line judged keenly, intercepted well and fed on the forwards. They did not compete with the forwards but stuck to their own jobs.

Star of the forward line was Tang Yee-kit, the Kowloon Motor Bus player who led the attack, with Kwong Wah's Chiu Fu also stealing much of the limelight.

Portugal's best players were M. Xavier and Gomes, with A. Xavier also putting up a sound display at right-half. Either defence was given every opportunity to shine. Both were effective but not up to Cup Final brightness.

Following the game, the International Cup was presented to Chow Man-chi, captain of the Chinese team, by Mrs. Erskine, wife of Major-General G. W. E. Erskine, G.O.C.

THE TEAMS

China: Tam Kwan-kon (Eastern); Yin Yau-sheung (South China) and Tam Chan-fai (Kit Chee); Chow Man-chi (KMB); Hung Hing-yuk (CAA); and Fung Kwan-sing (KMB); Ho Ying-fan (Sing Tao); Chiu Fu (Kowloon); Tang Yee-kit (KMB); Lau Fook-chuen (Eastern); and Lee Tai-fai (CAA).

Portugal: A. Mendes; R. Rocha and Ramon Mo; A. Xavier; B. T. Gosano and A. Collaco; M. Xavier; G. Pereira; D. Carvalho; J. Gomes and J. Pacheco.



SWIMMING

Britain's Olympic Team

CATHIE GIBSON INCLUDED

London, Apr. 4.—A 14-year old Hamilton, Scotland, school girl, Elinor Gordon, and 15-year old John Wardrop, of Motherwell, are included in the first batch of 12 swimmers selected today to represent Britain in the Olympic Games here this summer.

Others chosen included Miss Cathie Gibson, of Motherwell, holder of five British records, and Roy Romain, Britain's butterfly ace and holder of the European 200 metres breast stroke record.

The team will be completed following the national championships meeting in mid-July—editor.

RIS BEATS FORD

New Haven, Connecticut, Apr. 4.—Walter Ris, of the University of Iowa won his fourth successive National Amateur Athletic Union 100 yard freestyle swimming championship on Saturday, defeating the world record holder, Alan Ford by two yards in 50.5 seconds.

Earlier in the day, Olympic Coach Kiphuth, a "marvellous hope" for the games in London, Ris won going away from Ford who was attempting a comeback following war service.

Ford set the world record of 49.7 seconds in 1944.

Earlier Ris had registered 50.4 in the preliminaries.

Allen Stack of Yale captured the 150-yard backstroke title in 1:37.3—Associated Press.

ANN CURTIS AGAIN

Daytona Beach, Florida, Apr. 4.—Ann Curtis of San Francisco won the 446-yard free style in 5:17.9 in the women's National Amateur Athletic Union indoor swimming championships.

It was the tenth time she had won the event.—Associated Press.

DUTCH GIRL WITHDRAWS

Daytona Beach, Florida, Apr. 4.—Nell Van Vliet of Holland, holder of all six women's world records in breaststroke swimming withdrew from the A. A. U. Women's National Swimming meet here after her eligibility was questioned.

A. A. U. Officials said that the protest was obviously made because Miss Van Vliet was a "sure winner in the breaststroke event."

They refused to divulge what team or individual had protested.

Miss Van Vliet is under the supervision of Walter Schluter, coach of the Town Club, of Chicago, who said there is no question of her eligibility but he withdrew her because "We are responsible that nothing goes wrong and we would not now want Holland to think she has done anything wrong.—Associated Press.

RUSSIAN SETS LIFT RECORD

London, Apr. 4.—Soviet weight-lifter Ivan Maltsev set a new world record of 108 kilograms for a left-hand clean and jerk in the lightweight class, the Tass Agency reported today.

The new record is one kilogram more than Maltsev's former world mark, according to the broadcast.—United Press.

CHINA'S RUNNER DOES GOOD TIME

Petaluma, Calif., Apr. 4.—Wang Cheng-lin, China's veteran Olympic distance runner, today easily captured the 14th annual Petaluma marathon over nine starters. He ran the 26 mile, 385 yard course in two hours 48 minutes, 18 seconds, almost half an hour better than his nearest rival.—Associated Press.

DAILY BEATEN

Edinburgh, Apr. 5.—Flory Van Donck of Belgium defeated British open golf champion, Fred Daly in an 18 hole match on Sunday.

They finished out the round with Van Donck returning a five under par 67 and Daly 70.—Associated Press.

BOWIE HANDICAP

Bowie, Maryland, Apr. 4.—The five-year-old French horse Basileus II, finished third in the Bowie handicap today.

The race was the main feature of eight on the race card.

Basileus II was given top weight of 118 pounds and finished behind Flag Drill and Incline.—Associated Press.

COLONY TENNIS

DOUBLES MATCHES FEATURE OF WEEK

Matches in the second and third round of the Doubles are the feature of this week's Colony Open Tennis and fans can look forward to a number of good games.



H. D. Rumjahn, of the famous cousins who will be seen in action this Thursday against T. E. and R. O. Baker in the Colony Open Doubles.

TENNIS TOURNEY

Semi-Finals At Monte

Monte Carlo, Apr. 4.—A Czech and an Italian team advanced to the finals of the Butler Cup men's doubles tennis tournament here today as Gianni Cucelli and Marcello Del Bello the Italian pair and Jaroslav Drobny and Vladimir Cernik, the Czechs won their respective matches.

Cucelli and Del Bello defeated Sydney Wood and Budge Patty of the United States 7-5, 6-4, 6-2 while Drobny and Cernik eliminated Josef Asboth and Anto Stojia of Hungary 2-0, 6-2 and 9-7, 6-2.

In the men's singles Asboth defeated Del Bello 6-3, 6-3, 6-2. Patty eliminated Mario Belardinelli of Italy 9-7, 5-7, 7-5, 6-1.

Cucelli defeated Albert Abdeslam of France, 4-6, 6-4, 6-2, 6-3, and Drobny downed Christian Caraulis of Rumania, 6-3, 4-6, 7-5.

ILMFE TROPHY

In the semi finals of the women's doubles for the ILMFE trophy, Mme Zuzsuzi Kormoczy and Mme Maria Fekety of Hungary defeated Signora Annalisa Bossi and Signorina M. Bologna of Italy, 6-3, 6-4.

Mme Paulette Fritz and Mlle. Myrtil Brunarius of France defeated Mlle. Guyotte Juckey and Mme Jacqueline Paltrel of France, 2-6, 6-3, 6-1.—Associated Press.

Chess Fans Plan Their Own Annual

The Colony's chess players have been discussing the possibility of an annual publication reviewing the local chess year. This would include scores and annotations of the year's Open Chess Championship matches and of outstanding games in other tournaments.

An annual publication of this nature has often come up for discussion in the past and a Committee was actually appointed by the Kowloon Chess Club in 1941 to take managerial and editorial charge of the project.

Games in the 1941 Championship reached a very high standard of play. The standard in the post-war period seemed to be on the decline with every new tournament. In an attempt to check falling standards, the Colony Open Chess Championship Committee instituted compulsory record-keeping of games.

This does not seem to have helped very much, the preliminary rounds of the tournament being marked by a succession of bad blunders to which even the better players have contributed their share.

It is not improbable that these were due largely to underestimation of opponents and a more law-free state of affairs can be looked forward to in the championship games proper.

PERMANENT RECORD

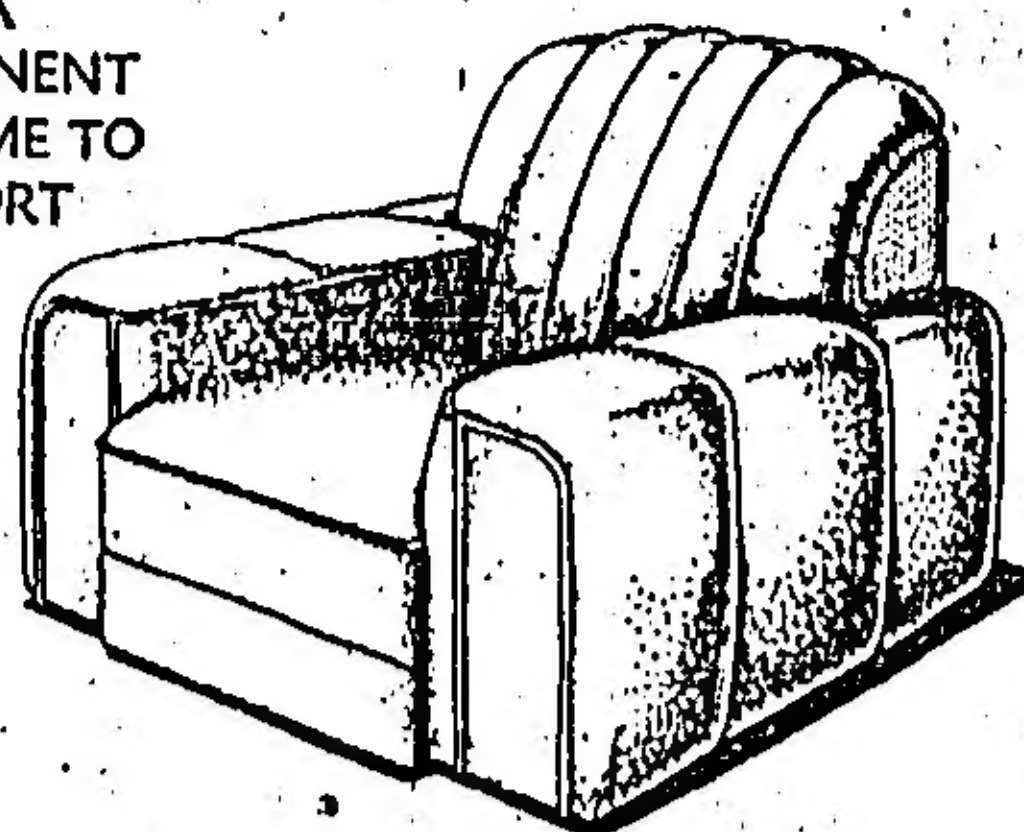
However, let alone the Championship games there have been games from earlier tournaments that have served as permanent record. The majority of these would be from the first post-war Premier Reserves Tournament in 1946 when siztelementing was the order of the day but game standards were considerably higher than they are now.

The annual could also serve to give permanence to the more notable games from the Colony's earlier chess history. There are still records preserved of games by D. E. de Carvalho, Sir John de Pollack, the late C. M. and A. D. Sequerra against the former world champion, the late Alexander Alekhine and the Serbian master, Boris Kostich, during their visits to Hongkong.

Cost of the publication would have to be met largely by private subscription. There is so much interest in it that its ultimate appearance before the end of the year is looked forward to with optimism.

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DINA HOUSE

U.S. May Offer Europe Military Aid

IMPORTANT TALKS IN WASHINGTON

Washington, Apr. 4.—The Truman Administration is expected to decide soon whether economic help to Western Europe will be backed by military support.

The arrival in Washington of the Belgian Premier, Paul Henri Spaak, one of the architects of the military pact for Western European nations, may result in talks contributing to a decision.

There has been persistent speculation among Washington officials that Spaak and the highest American leaders may go into the military problems raised by the recent creation of the bloc of Marshall plan countries determined to keep Russian power out of Western Europe.

Spaak arrived with a party of Belgian Government officials headed by Prince Charles and including Paul Debrun, Minister of Economic Co-ordination who probably will be concerned with organizing the country's role in the European recovery programme.

LONG-RANGE PURPOSE

The main purpose of the Marshall Plan long-range is to enable Western European nations to recover from

the war, and to withstand both internal demands of Communists and the external dangers of Russian expansion.

An anti-Communist measure, it is part of a broad strategy to make Western Europe so strong that Russian expansion will be definitely checked at its present limits and political stability will be restored to the whole continent.

Until a few months ago the hope was that this objective would be accomplished entirely with economic help except for military assistance to Greece and Turkey.

The formation of a Western European Union was favoured both for economic strength and to make known to the Russians that they cannot pick off the Western States one by one.

SITUATION CHANGES

Within the last two months the situation has changed radically.

This followed the Communist coup in Czechoslovakia, Moscow's demand for a mutual defence pact with Finland and Norway's fear of Russian pressure, and the Communist's bid for power in Italy in the April 18 elections.

Many of America's leading officials have come to believe that economic help alone may not be adequate to guarantee a return to the fold of the Western countries.

The idea of this problem took a more definite form after Britain, France, Belgium, the Netherlands and Luxembourg agreed in Brussels a month ago on Political, economic and military measures for Western European Union.

The pact provides for other nations to join the group and both American and European leaders expect it to be greatly expanded.

POSSIBLE ACTION

Assuming the communists are defeated on April 18, Italy is expected to join and the Scandinavian countries might do so.

Two lines of American action to support an enlarged group have been considered and both may be followed.

One, European countries would pressure and the United States would accept a mutual defence treaty. The effect would be a guarantee that if Russia attacks the west the United States would not wait out delay.

Two, the United States would re-enact the wartime lend-lease principle supplying arms and military equipment to nations whose defence the President considers essential to the defence of the United States.

Either course would be a radical departure from peace time American foreign policy.—Associated Press.

BELLIGERENT RESOLUTION

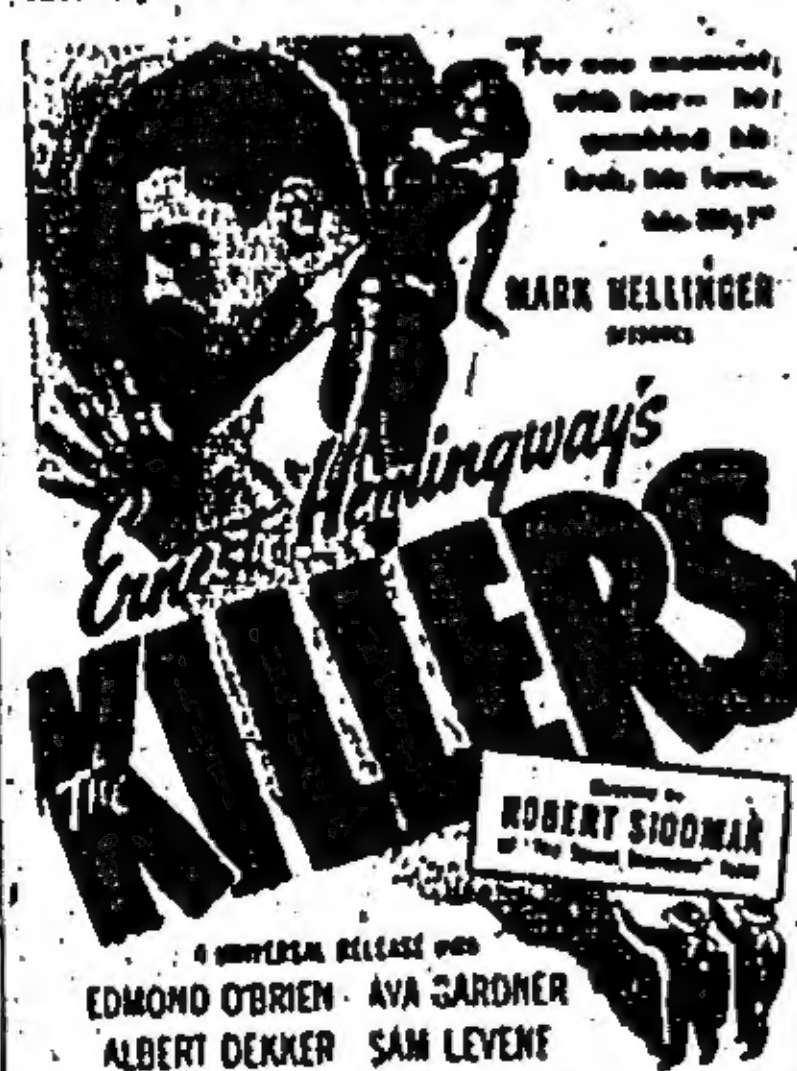
Sydney, Apr. 4.—The Annual Conference of Industrial Groups of the Australian Labour Party adopted a resolution to overthrow the Government "by arms if necessary."

The resolution urged Federal and State Labour Government to enquire into the activities of the Australian Communist Party.

Mr. T. Junor, the President, told the Conference that if Labour is to remain in office the Communists must be crushed.—Reuter.

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Britain Not Worried About The Budget

London, Apr. 4.—Britons, who usually love to try to guess the surprises in the annual National Budget, don't seem to care much this year.

The budget, to be opened in Parliament on Tuesday afternoon, seems to hold no prospect of any sizeable tax cut. Neither is it likely that the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Sir Stafford Cripps, will try to run his fingers much deeper in the taxpayers' pockets.

That takes the stakes out of the guessing game.

For good or ill, the taxpayers' fate already has been written and packed away in the Chancellor's red leather dispatch box.

Sir Stafford retreated to a study over the garage at his farm in a wooded west country valley to finish his job. His budget is one of the biggest secrets in the United Kingdom, yet no Scotland Yard special agent nor even the local constable guarded the door.

Neither Sir Stafford nor any member of the government dares to drop even the slightest hint of what's in store.

TOBACCO CONCESSION?

The only persistent report among the budget guessers in newspaper and financial circles is that Sir Stafford will 'likely' whittle a bit from the price of tobacco.

Higher duties imposed a year ago added one shilling to a packet of 20 cigarettes bringing the price up to three shillings and four pence a packet.

The object was to get the citizenry to trim its smoking and thus cut down dollar-costing imports of US tobacco which Britons believe tobacco of the government can afford to cheapen "smokes" a little.

INFLATION PROBLEM

Sir Stafford could afford to cut taxes. The Treasury piled up a

surplus of £636,000,000 in the financial year which ended last Wednesday.

But one of his biggest problems is to combat inflation, and the government figures one good way to do it is to soak up a lot of purchasing power in taxes.

The guessers believe the basic rate of income tax—45 percent—will stay unchanged. There is some speculation that exemptions may be broadened a little to free more lower paid workmen from income taxes.

Sir Stafford may alter purchase taxes. They were raised drastically last November. Since then spending has dried up and shelves are fuller. Financial circles are unworried. The market has been advancing slowly but steadily for about a month.—Associated Press.

U.S. Task Forces On Manoeuvres

London, Apr. 4.—The United States Task Force under the command of Rear-Admiral Harold M. Martin, which was at present in the Persian Gulf, has passed through the Suez Canal and is to carry out tactical exercises in the Mediterranean, the United States Naval Headquarters in London announced tonight.

The flagship of the task force is the 27,000-ton aircraft carrier Valley Forge.

The announcement says tactical exercises of a routine nature will be carried out between this force and the United States Mediterranean Task Force under Vice-Admiral Sherman.

Admiral Richard L. Conolly, Commander-in-Chief of the United States Naval Forces, Eastern Atlantic and Mediterranean, left London today for a Greek port, where he will embark in a cruiser to witness the exercises and to confer with the American naval commanders in his command area, which includes the Mediterranean, the Middle East and Northern European waters.—Reuter.

AMERICAN JEWS DEMONSTRATE

New York, Apr. 4.—More than 26,000 Jewish war veterans from 13 States and the District of Columbia marched down Fifth Avenue here today, carrying placards protesting against the United States policy towards Palestine.

Memorial services were held in Madison Square, New York, for Jews killed in Palestine.

The placards denounced the American reversal of policy and demanded that the United Nations partition decision be upheld.—Reuter.

P.I.-SIAM AIR TREATY LIKELY

Manila, Apr. 4.—Following the Philippine Republic's recognition of the new Siamese Government, an air treaty between the two countries, similar to those which the Republic has concluded with Britain and the United States, is slated for negotiation in the near future, according to official circles today.

A team of Philippine Foreign Affairs negotiators is understood to have been formed for the conclusion of such a treaty with Siam.—Reuter.

French Students' Decision

Paris, Apr. 4.—The French National Students' Union decided at its annual Congress at Nice today to withdraw from the World Federation of Democratic Youth because of "its Communist and pro-Soviet aspirations."

The Union decided to remain affiliated to the International Union of Students, but to ask it to hold its General Assembly in a city other than Prague.—Reuter.

Isotopes For Czechoslovakia

Prague, Apr. 4.—Russia has agreed to deliver isotopes—products of atomic reaction—to Czechoslovakia for use in medical treatment and experiment, according to the Communist Youth Movement paper, Mlada Fronta.

(Czechoslovakia last year refused to accept a supply of isotopes from America on the grounds that the conditions infringed Czechoslovak sovereignty.)

The paper also reported that Czechoslovakia was building its first factory for the manufacture of penicillin at Rostok, near Prague, using Canadian equipment delivered by UNRRA.—Reuter.

NORWAY TAKES PRECAUTIONS

Oslo, Apr. 4.—Norway is to send a small force of police to Finland and North Troms, near the Finnish border, to guard difficulties which might arise from the increasing number of refugees coming from Finland, the Norwegian Telegraph Agency said today.

The move was described as "a precautionary measure."—Reuter.

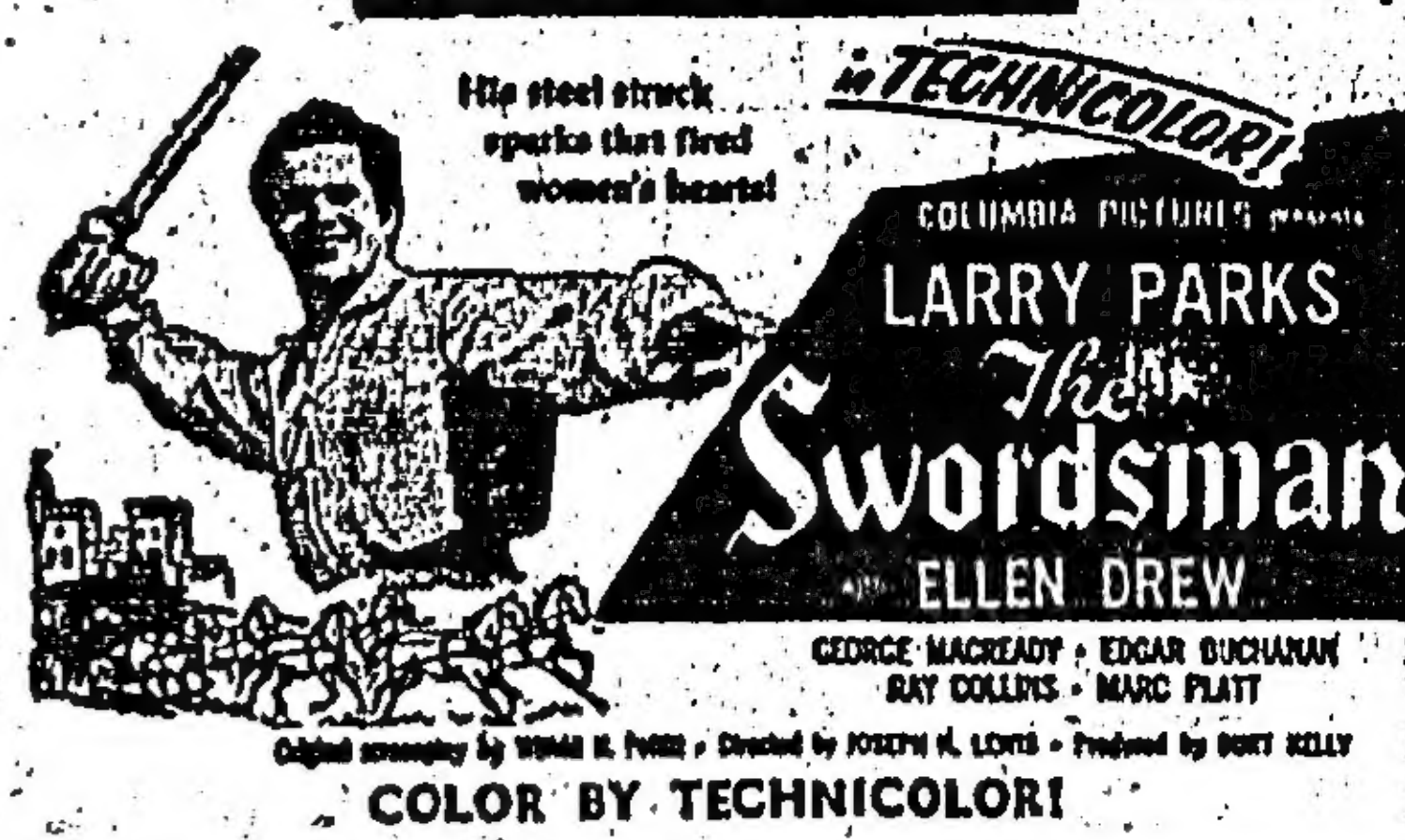
CAN'T FIND SUB.

San Francisco, Apr. 4.—The United States Navy said today that no trace could be found of an unidentified submarine reported off the South Californian coast last Friday.

A search was ordered after a man from Oculi, California, had reported seeing a submarine submerged about 300 yards off the coast near Pismo Beach, midway between San Francisco and Los Angeles.—Reuter.

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TORIES GAIN IN LOCAL ELECTIONS

London, Apr. 4.—The first results from four-day local elections throughout Britain show that Labour suffered heavy losses at the hands of the Conservatives.

Complete but unofficial results of Saturday's voting revealed that Labour won 32 seats and lost 100. The Conservatives gained 138 seats, plus five new seats they had never contested before, and lost nine.

The number of seats at stake in the elections for rural and urban District Councils totals 2,572. Elections will be completed on Wednesday. There were no elections today.

Polling was largely in small villages and thus did not sample opinion in the large industrial areas, where the bulk of Labour support is believed to lie. The largest town participating in the elections was Harrow, site of the famous boys' school, where the Conservatives got a thumping majority. The Conservatives won 13 seats to Labour's one and the Council is now composed of 20 Conservatives, seven Labourites and three Independents.—United Press.

Iloilo Earthquake

Manila, Apr. 4.—The southern Philippine city of Iloilo was rocked by an earthquake at about 9.14 a.m. on Saturday morning, according to reports reaching Manila today.

The tremors lasted 15 seconds. No casualties were reported.—Reuter.



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